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HOUSTON 14, TEXAS

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McIntire Industrial Maintenance Corp.
201 North Bishop
Houston, Texas

Attention: Mr. L. P. McIntire

Dear Sir:

On June 11, 1965 a letter was written to Dumas Engineering in which the use of the property located on the west bank of the San Jacinto River, just north of Highway 49 bridge, as a spill pond for wastes removed from Champion Paper Company was approved. This approval was only under the condition that the waste handling operation should be done in a manner which would not allow any liquid waste to leave the property and escape into the river.

On December 27, 1965 at 5:10 P.M., a pump was observed pumping liquid waste out of one of the smaller basins in this location directly into the San Jacinto River. This liquid waste still contains considerable amounts of "black liquor," which is highly toxic to marine life. At the time given above, the superintendent, Mr. Ed Chesser, was notified, since I could not contact anyone at your office. Mr. Chesser was asked to communicate to you the information that within the next twenty-four hours the discharge of the waste liquor from these ponds should be stopped and that the dikes which are being used to contain the wastes should be repaired.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. Crutcher, Jr.

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cc: Mr. V. C. McIntire
Champion Paper Co. ✓